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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement of May 6, 2002, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group III, claims 1-43 and 58-64. However, it is respectfully submitted that examination of all claims simultaneously would place no undue burden on the Examiner. The Applicants respectfully point out that examination of the claims of Groups I (claims 1-50), II (claims 1-43 and 51-57) and IV (claims 1-43 and 65-66) necessarily entail a search of the subject matter of Group III, and therefore submit that the examination of Groups I-IV together present no significant burden over the examination of Group III alone.

For a restriction requirement to be valid, the Examiner must establish that the search and examination of the entire application cannot be made without serious burden (M.P.E.P. § 803). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of all claims simultaneously.

Further, the Applicants, with traverse, respectfully elect solubility as a biophysical or biochemical property as required by 35 U.S.C. § 121. Applicants provisionally submit that

claims 1-43 and 58-64 read, at least in part, on the species elected. The Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute species not elected herein in other patent applications claiming the benefit of the filing date of this application. Furthermore, the Applicants understand that upon allowance of a generic claim, they will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of any allowed generic claims.

Any questions raised by this submission may be directed to the undersigned at (617) 832-1770. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to our **Deposit Account No. 06-1448**. Please note that Applicants claim Small Entity Status, and any fees should be charged accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,
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